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DO YOU KNOW THAT:

Although Yellowstone Lake now covers 139 square miles or 88,960 acres, and is one of the largest lakes in the world at so great an altitude (7741 feet above sea level); it was very much larger in recent geological times. Before the glacial epoch, Yellowstone Lake drained south through Heart Lake and Snake River into the Pacific Ocean. During the ice period, or shortly after, this exit became blocked, the water of the Lake rose higher and higher until it was 160 feet higher than at present, flooded Hayden Valley, and even extended north to the site of the Canyon Hotel. At that time, Yellowstone Lake covered 310 square miles, or more than twice its present size; but this increase brought with it, its own destruction. For the rising water found an outlet to the north along the line that is now the Grand Canyon, and flowed out until the Lake was reduced to its present level. The greatest depth is now 300 feet. Its shore line is approximately 100 miles.

Yellowstone Lake is in the heart of the game country. Bear, deer, and elk are all about it, especially in the higher valleys. About the southern end of it is the home of the Yellowstone Moose, and in its waters are large numbers of otter, while many osprey nest along the shore and seek their fish food in the Lake itself.

Molly Island, at the southern end of the Southeast Arm, is the most eastern breeding ground of the White Pelican. 250 pair are nesting there, and also about a thousand California gulls.

Because it is possible to collect, hatch, and protect trout eggs better under artificial conditions than Nature can, a Fish Hatchery has been established near this hotel by the Bureau of Fisheries in cooperation with the National Park Service. During an average season this hatchery handles 30,000,000 eggs, a record season being 40,000,000 eggs. Half of the eggs are hatched and planted in Park waters, 75% of these being planted in the Yellowstone Lake or in streams flowing into the Lake, so that six to twelve million small fish are planted in and around Yellowstone Lake yearly for the benefit of future fishermen.

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SPEED BOATS

High-powered comfortable speed boats, (40 m. p. h.) Twilight trips leave dock in front of hotel at 7:30, 8:00, and 8:30 p.m. Morning trip at 8:15 a.m. These half-hour trips for $1.00 per passenger. Moonlight trips by special arrangement. Purchase tickets from Transportation Agent at Hotel or Lodge. Bookings, limited to 26 passengers per trip, are made in order of application.

Special trips may be made to Southeast Arm and the various islands 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., and other hours by arrangement.

FISHING TRIPS

Fishing and sight-seeing trips in 6-passenger launches. Boat with operator, per day $20.00, per hour $3.50. (Price includes use of fishing tackle).

Row Boats, per day $2.50, per hour 50c, at Lake Hotel dock and Fishing Bridge.

Fishing Tackle for rent by Boat Company and Lake Lodge. Flies, lines, reels, etc., for sale by Boat Company, Lake Lodge, and Lake Store.

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MOTOR TRIPS

Sylvan Pass and return, fare.....$10.00
Lv. Lake 10:20 a.m., Ar. Sylvan Pass Lodge 12:45 p.m., (Lunch $1.50) Lv. Sylvan Pass Lodge 1:15 p.m., Ar. Lake 3:40 p.m. or Ar. Canyon 5:30 p.m.

Cody, Wyoming, and return (2 day trip) visiting Shoshone Dam, 328 feet high, $22.50. Meals and lodgings extra.)

Summit of Mt. Washburn enroute to Canyon for bus passengers holding G-C, G-W, G-S, G-N tickets. $2.00 per passenger, minimum 10 fares. Bus leaves Lake at 8:00 a.m. Arrives Canyon as per schedule. Arrange with Transportation Agent.

WALKING TRIPS

Conducted by Ranger Naturalist

Walk along Lake shore and trip through Fish Hatchery. Leaves Lodge 8:00 a.m., leaves Hotel 8:15 a.m.

From Fishing Bridge Auto Camp

Nature Hike leaves Camp at 8:45 a.m.

LECTURES

By Ranger Naturalists on Yellowstone Lake Region. In Lodge Lobby (illustrated) at 7:30 p. m.; in Hotel Lobby 8:15 p. m.; at Fishing Bridge Auto Camp at 8:30 p. m.